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SUBJECT: AUGUST 3 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND
RTG PREMIER THANIN, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS 8/3 BEFORE
LEAVING FOR ASEAN MEETING, SAID BANGKOK HAS WORKED OUT
PLANS FOR "STAGE-BY-STAGE" MIL/DIPLO ACTION TO SOLVE BORDER
PROBLEMS WITH CAMBODIA. REPORTED HIS CABINET/ITS MIL-BACKED
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ADVISORY COUNCIL HAD DISCUSSED KR ATTACKS, AND REGARD
ISSUE AS VERY IMPORTANT. THANIN SUGGESTED CAMBODIA MAY
BE ATTACKING THAIS BECAUSE IT IS FACING SERIOUS POL CRISIS/
POVERTY WHICH IT CANNOT SOLVE (REUTER BANGKOK).

2. CHINA
PRC PRESS NOW TAUTING USE OF "MARSH GAS" AS 1 ANSWER TO

COUNTRY'S FUEL SHORTAGE. SAY 29 PROVINCES USING/NOW TAPPING GAS; BUT FOREIGN VISITORS TO FARMLANDS REPORT NO EVIDENCE OF THIS TREND (MORITZ IN HK, CSM).

ACCORDING ALBANIA ATA, AT 8/1 PLA RECEPTION IN TIRANA, CHINESE/ALBANIAN OFFICIALS TOASTED "REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDSHIP BETW 2 PEOPLES/ARMIES." ATA ALSO REPORTS DINNER HELD IN PEKING FOR VISITING ALB AGRIC DEL. ATA STMT MAY BE INDIRECT REPLY TO REPORTS IN WEST OF ALB/PRC BREAK (AP, NYT). NCNA

REPORTS STMT BY TOP PRC OFFICIAL THAT 2 COUNTRIES HAVE "DEEP-ROOTED FRIENDSHIP" (AP VIENNA, 8/2).

WELLMAN INC, BOSTON-BASED US FIRM, REPORTED TO BE DEVELOPING MARKETING PROGRAMS FOR 2 OTHER COMPANIES IN PRC (JOC).

3. JAPAN

GOJ ANNOUNCES PKG ECON-REFLATING MEASURES, INCL INCREASED INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT/CONSTRUCTION OIL-STOCKPILING BASES. MORE COMPREHENSIVE STEPS TO BE TAKEN WHEN FUKUDA RETURNS FROM SEA TOUR LATER THIS MO (REUTER TOKYO).

USSR-JAPAN FISHERY TALKS WILL BEGIN THIS MO, UNDER AGREEMENT REACHED 8/2 BETW FUKUDA/SOV FISHERIES MIN UNCLASSIFIED

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ISHKOV. INTERIM ACCORD TO BE SIGNED IN TOKYO 8/4 ON SOVIET QUOTAS IN JAPAN'S ZONE (REUTER TOKYO).

SENIOR JAPANESE TRADE OFFICIAL AMAYA LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON FOR TALKS W/INDUSTRIALISTS ON JAPAN'S SURGING STEEL EXPORTS TO US. AMAYA WILL NOT NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT, BUT VISIT MAY LEAD TO GOVT-LEVEL NEGOTS FOR VOLUNTARY CURBS ON JAPANESE EXPORTS (REUTER TOKYO).

NY-NJ PORT AUTHORITY SAY TOYOTA HAS AGREED LEASE 30-ACRE SITE AT PORT NEWARK AS TRUCK-ASSEMBLY/AUTO-PREPARATION FACILITY (SULLIVAN, NYT).

ABOUT 150 PEOPLE FROM 30 COUNTRIES ATTENDED OPENING 4-DAY ANTI-NUKE WEAPONS MTG IN HIROSHIMA. FOR 1ST TIME IN 11 YRS, USSR SENT DELEGATION (REUTER HIROSHIMA).

4. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR DEVALUED 8/3 BY 1.51 PCT FOLLOWING DROP IN COUNTRY'S FOREX RESERVES. MOVE MEANS TOTAL NET DEVALUATION 13.5 PCT OVER PAST 8 MOS (REUTER SYDNEY).

JOC DOES ITEM ON AUSTRALIA'S ECON WOES/NOTES SOME
CORRECTIVE MEASURES GOA BEGINNING TAKE, INCL EASING OF
RULES GOVERNING ENTRY FON CAPITAL.

5. INDONESIA

INDONESIA STARTS UP 1ST LNG FACILITY IN BONTANG, MARKING
BEGINNING OF POTENTIAL MULTI-MIL-DOL INDUSTRY. FIRST LNG
SHIPMENT SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO JAPAN 8/8 (JOC).

6. KOREA

SUN'S LEWTHWAITE/WP'S MARDER/REUTER (8/2) ALL QUOTE DOS;
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TRATTNER 8/2 THAT NK DECLARATION MIL SEA BOUNDARY "IN
NO WAY CURTAILS OR DIMINISHES" US/UNC RIGHTS IN SK, OR
NK'S OWN ARMISTICE OBLIGATIONS. SAID ACTION "UNILATERAL,;
AND US WILL CONTINUE EXERCISE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION/OVER-
FLIGHT BEYOND 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA.

IN 1ST TEST NK'S MIL BOUNDARY, SKOREAN FERRY CARRYING
465 PASSENGERS REACHED SKOREAN-HELD ISLE OFF NK COAST W/O
INTERFERENCE. UNC SPOKESMAN ALSO INDICATED "NO CHANGE"
IN US OPNS IN INTL WATERS/AIRSPACE (AP NYT, WSTAR; UPI
CHITRIB,PHINQ).

IN SEOUL INTERVIEW W/NYT'S WEINRAUB, UNC CHIEF VESSEY SAID
SK ARMED FORCES NEED MAJOR INFLUX WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT OVER
NEXT FEW YRS IN ORDER MATCH NKOREAN STRENGTH. ADDED HE
HAD BEEN "VERY CONCERNED" INITIALLY OVER W/DRAWAL, MADE IT
KNOWN TO PRES. REMARKED CARTER'S DECISION BASED ON
"VISION OF THE FUTURE" WHICH MIL MUST HELP SECURE OVER
NEXT 5 YRS.

NYT'S MALCOLM (SEOUL) REPORTS POLICE/OTHER ROKG AGENTS
HAVE BEGUN APPLYING PSYCHOLOGICAL/PHYSICAL PRESSURE TO
IMPRISONED DISSIDENTS IN EFFORT GET THEM SIGN REPENTENCE
STATEMENTS FOR POL "CRIMES."

KOREAN FOOD CORP FILES MULTI-MIL-DOL CIVIL SUIT IN L.A.
AGAINST TONGSUN PARK FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING FRAUDULENTLY
OBTAIN FIRM.

ROKG TUESDAY PUT INTO EFFECT NEW RULES FOR FON CAPITAL
INDUCEMENT UNDER WHICH FON LOANS LESS THAN 3 MIL DOLS WILL
NOT BE APPVD (UPI, JOC).

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7. ASEAN

ASEAN LEADERS ARRIVED KL 8/3 FOR SUMMIT MTG 8/4-5, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL MEET AS GROUP W/FRASER/FUKUDA/MULDOON. KEY ISSUES WILL INCLUDE PERFERENTIAL TRADE BETW MEMBERS/ COLLECTIVE ASEAN DEMAND FOR LESS PROTECTIONISM BY AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, NZ/BID FOR JAPANESE AID FOR COMMODITY STABILIZATION FUND AND 5 ASEAN PROJECTS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE LAST YR (ISAACS, SUN; MORITZ, CSM; DANIEL, REUTER, ALL FROM KL).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

GWERTZMAN (NYT) REVIEWS REFUGEE PICTURE, NOTES DOS RECOMMENDATION THAT 15,000 ADDITIONAL INDOCHINESE BE ALLOWED ENTER US FACES HOUSE HEARINGS THURS. SEES THIS AS CAUSE NOT AROUSING CAPITOL HILL ENTHUSIASM, SINCE MANY PEOPLE ARE PRIVATELY UNHAPPY WITH ECON EFFECTS OF CONTINUING INDOCHINA FLOW INTO US. SAYS OUTLOOK IS THAT REP EILBERT (D-PA) WILL REVIEW EFFORTS FOR LEGISLATION PUTTING FUTURE REFUGEES UNDER OFFICIAL CONGRESS-APPROVED QUOTA.

9. KOREA

LAT (8/2) SAYS W/DRAWAL US GROUND FORCES SK DOES NOT JEOPARDIZE SK SECURITY NOR SIGNAL END US PARTICIPATION IN SK DEFENSE. ADMIN'S PLAN TO ENHANCE SK SECURITY W/MIL CREDITS/EQUIPMENT SUFFICIENT DETERRENT TO NK. ASSERTS CONGRESS SHOULD APPROVE AID APPROPRIATION TO SK.

HESSE CARTOON (BALT NA) SHOWS PRES CARTER HOLDING "KOREA WITHDRAWAL SCRIPT" AND MICROPHONE WHILE LOOKING OVER AT GENERAL LABELLED "THE MILITARY" WHO STANDS

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HOLDING MEGAPHONE. CARTER SAYS, "JUST MOVE YOUR LIPS-- I'LL DO YOUR TALKING."

THIMMESCH (CHITRIB) ASSERTS NIXON ALARMED THAT KOREA INVESTIGATION COULD JEOPARDIZE US AID TO SK; US ROLE IN ASIA. NIXON FEARS SK WEAKENED BY TROOP WITHDRAWAL WILL TILT POWER BALANCE, POSSIBLY FORCING JAPAN TO SOVIETS.

SAYS US GUARANTEE OF SK SECURITY NOT SUCH EQUAL DETERRENT
TO NK AS US MIL PRESENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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